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1. GSL AND PRESS WHICH SUPPORTS GOVERNMENT ARE GIVING MRS. B'S VISIT TO INDIA ON UPBEAT TONE, STRESSING THAT ATMOSPHERE WAS CORDIAL AND VISIT WAS SUCCESSFUL. THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE REACTION TO DATE. AGREEMENT TO SPLIT EQUALLY REMAINING 150,000 STATELESS TAMILS IS BEING PLAYED BY SOME ELEMENTS OF PRESS AS MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR PM ALTHOUGH 50/50 RATION LESS FAVORABLE TO GSL THAN 7 TO 4 RATION IN 1964 AGREEMENT. GOVERNMENT CONTROLLLED PRESS REPORTS THAT "SATISFACTORY PROGRESS" WAS MADE ON DISPUTE OVER KACHCHATIVU, THE "OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUE WITH INDIA", AND AN "EARLY DECISION" ON KACHCHATIVU IS PREDICTED. SOME SOURCES HERE BELIEVE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF SOLUTION TO KACHCHATIVU WAS DEFFED BECAUSE OF UPCOMING INDIAN ELECTIONS. OTHER ISSUES, SUCH AS ECONOMIC COOPERATION, RECEIVED MODERATE ATTENTION, REFLECTING LACK OF ANY CONCRETE AGREEMENT. FACT THAT MRS. B WAS CHIEF GUEST AT REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS HAS BEEN HAILED BY PRESS HERE AS "UNIQUE HONOR".

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2. POUCHING COPIES OF COMMUNIQUE AND PM BANDARANAIKE'S SPEECH

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AT RED FORT TO DEPT. WILL REPORT FURTHER REACTION LATER.
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